UNION OF ALL PRESBYTERIANS

This Leading Question Before Three Branches of Church Now in Session.

ACTION AGAINST DIVORCES

Southern Assembly Much Affected By Appearance of Aged Minister and Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GRIPENVILLE, S. C., May 18.—The most important subject to come up before the Presbyterian General Assembly, now ir session here-the question of closer relationship between all Presbyterian and reformed churches-was touched upon towhen a number of overtures were read, some recommending, others oppos-

day, when a number of overtures were read, some recommending, others opposing the articles of agreement, adopted by the federation conference of reformed and Presbyterian Churches at a meeting in Charlotte, N. C., hast March.

There were overtures from the Presbyterians of Paducal, Northern Alabama, Arkansas, Mobile, Eastern Alabama, Louisville, Savannah, Knoxville, Ebenezer and Upper Missouri, approving the adoption of the articles of the federation conference of the Presbyterian and Rotormed Church in Charlotte. The Presbyteries opposing the adoption were Greenbries, Macon, Mullenburg, Chesapeake and Winchester. The overture from Charleston favored sending article to the Presbyteries for consideration before being acted upon by General Assembly. The overfore from Transylvania favord limitation as to the plan of ederation. All of the overtures were referred to a special committee appointed by Moderator Hall.

Colonel T. P. Inman, a prominent Presbyterian of Atlanta, has offered \$125,000 for ministerial relief, provined the General Assembly will raise a like amount. The Gneral Assembly has now \$5,000 of the amount.

Committees Announced.

At the morning session the committee opointments were announced as follows: Bills and Overtures—Dr. J. L. Plunkett, Georgia. Judicial-Dr. J. W. Stagg, Charlotte,

N. C. Foreign Correspondence-Dr. J. W.

Foreign Correspondence—Dr. J. W. Bachmann, Tennessee.
Foreign Missions—Dr. Eugene Danlel, West Virginia.
Home Missions—Dr. Josephus Johnson, Texas.
Publications and Sunday School—Dr. Harris F. Kirk, Maryland.
Ministerial Education and Relief—Dr. R. H. Fleming, Virginia.
Negro Evangelization—Dr. W. M. Mo-Pheelers, South Carolina.
Theological Seminaries—Dr. William
E. Boggs. Florida.

Theological School B. Boggs, Florida.

Assembly, Home and School Dr. J.

Thornwell, South Carolina.

Women's Societies—Dr. T. A. Whar-

ton, Tennessee.
Systematic Beneficience-C. H. Reid,

rative on State of Religions-Dr. G. B. Strickler, Virginia.

Lole Cause-Dr. J. E. Fogartie, Ken-

Church and Christian Education-Dr.

T. H. Rice, Georgia.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Dr. E. M. Monroe, Texas.

Committee-A. L. James, of Absence-Dr. S. D. Boggs,

Synodical Records: F. Wallace and George Battalorn; Florida—Rey. R. D. Stinson and T. J. Jones; Georgia—Rey. H. M. Sweets and C. T. Nell; North Carolina—Dr. E. Cochrane; Virginia-Rev. R. L. Bell and P. A. Emanuel.

Aged Minister.

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A feature of the morning session was the introduction of Rev. Augus Johnson, of Tsxas, who is ninety-seven years old and has preached for seventy-one years. Yet his vitality is so great that he still regularly supplies three churches. After the in Soduction he and his wife sang "When the Evening Shadows, Gather" will wonderful sweetness and with a tenderness that melted to tears the large congregation.

Marriage and Divorce.

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At the afternoon meeting a report from,
the inter-Church conference on marriago
and divorce was discussed. The report
recommended very stringent laws in regard to divorces, also recommended that
no inhister should perform the marriago
ceremony of divorced persons, divorced.

also requested that civil laws do not grant divorces for other than Scriptural grounds, not even when parties go to other States for divorce.

Telegrams of greetings were sent to the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church now in session in Philadelphia, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Birmingham, Ala., to the Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church at Des Moines, Iowa, and to the Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Decatur, Ill. Appropriate Scriptural passages were included in each telegram. Meetings in commenoration of the anniversary of the American Biblical Society and addresses were made by prominent ministers and others.

Ministerial Relief.

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The report of the Executive Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief was, in part, as follows:

During the year we received from all sources for ministerial education \$27,432, as against 19,001 the previous year; for ministerial relief, \$25,758, as against \$22,501 last year, and for the

The Abode of the Mode.

The Vital Spark

of dress is style. Without style a Suit's not a Suit, but

We know clothiers - and they're big-wigs, too - who give the best cloth and accessories, but style is as unintelligible to them as San-

Style is the be-all and endall of our striving. We study the style signs as a sailor studies the signs of the sky.

The result? The "classiest" Clothes in Richmond. Come to "spy," even if you don't come to buy.

Jacobs & Levy

endowment fund of ministerial relief \$34,717, as against \$1,927 hast year. This makes a gain in receipts over hast year of \$7,441 for education, \$2,257 for relief and \$30,789 for the endow-

Inst year of \$7,441 for education, 13,237 for relief and \$30,783 for the endowment fund.

An unusual degree of Interest has been manifested throughout the Church during the past year in the cause of education for the ministry. The constant falling off in the number of candidates has aroused the whole Church to a sense of her responsibility.

Ample provision has been made through the liberality of God's people for assisting those candidates who are not able to bear the entire expense of preparation for the Gospel ministry. Your committee would again call the attention of the assembly to the need for laborars in the great harvest fields of the world. There has been an increase of possibly twonty candidates over last year. More than 190 churches and groups of churches in the General Assembly, which are able to support a pastor, are now vacant. The rapid development of the South has started a stream of immigration into our hands. From five to eight millions of the negro race are crying unto us for light. By an agreement of the evangelical church 18,000,000 souls in the heathen world have been committed to our care. During the past year at least thirty-eight of our heads the church to pray, and has thus laid a burden of responsibility upon her. Have we been faithful? Are our young men drowning, the candidates who have become licentiates and those who have become licentiates and those who have

the worldliness and commercialism of the age?

Omitting the candidates who have become licentiates and those who have been dropped from the roll, there are now 332 candidates in various stages of preparation for the ministry. Of these, 255 are under the care of the various greshyteries; 124 are in the seminary, 156 in college, 22 in schools and acudemies, while 30 are for the present at work. Of the 332 candidates, 195 are receiving aid from the assembly's committee, 55 are in theological seminaries and 110 are in college.

ARGUMENT BEGUN ON INJUNCTION

Seeks to Prevent Union of Cumberland Church With Presbyterians-Many Reports.

DECATUR, ILL., May 18.-Arguments on the plea for an injunction to prevent on credentials worked until late last night, but being unable to report to-day the assembly could not elect a moderator.

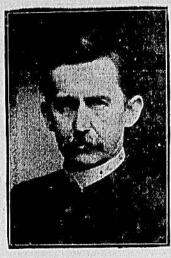
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The report of the Educational Society emphasized the great need for a thoroughly trained ministry, and stated that the amount contributed during the past year for the assistance of young men in the schools, colleges and seminary aggregated \$1,136, which was used for the benefit of something over 100 young men. The report of the Board of Missions and Church Erection showed an increase in offerings for its work and a year of unusual results, both at home and abroad. The net gain, as compared with 1904 was \$11,20. There was a slight falling of in the contributions for foreign work and, although the board met all of its obligations to its missionaries and closed the year with all salaries paid in full, it was left with no considerable amount to apply to indebtedness. Considering the disturbed conditions that existed in the Church the board expressed

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Is not a medicine, no nauseous drugs in it. Simply the nutritious derivatives of Barley and Hops, in delightfully



Rev. Dr. James Atkins was born in

Tenn., April 18, 1960, and is the nessee and Southwest Virginia, He ceived his education at Riceville Acad- public schools of the county. nember of the Holston Conference. In 876 he was married to Miss Ella Branner, and they have three children living. He is the originators of the Bible Teachers' Study Circle, which is taken up by all other churches. He stands foremost in Sunday-school work, and is the author of several books and pamphlets on Sunday-school subjects. He has been a member of the General Conference since 1899. He received the honorary degree of D. D. trom his alma mater, Emory and Henry. For a number of years he has been Sunday-school secretary.

great pleasure in the substantial increase in offerings. Expenses of administration were somewhat reduced during the year and the operating expenses amounted to 73-4 per cent. of all the funds administered. The board maintains forty home missionaries, 20 in Japan, 8 in China and 5 in Mexico. The total receipts for home and foreign mission work were \$155.742, an increase over 1991 of \$22,139.

The Board of Publication reported that VICE-PRESIDENT

\$22,139.

The Board of Publication reported that the last year was the very best year in its history. On a volume of business amounting to \$151,780 the profit was \$20,672. The debt was reduced \$12,776, leaving \$27,000, against \$85,000 five years against \$25,000, or nearly \$122,000. In excess of all liabilities. The publishing house is valued at \$50,850 and the machinery at \$55,451. chinery at \$5,451.

Theological Seminary.

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Theological Seminary.

The Visiting Board which, on behalf of the assembly, visits and inspects the Theological Seminary, reported that the work is being carried on harmoniously and successfully, and that the endowment funds are safely invested with ample security.

President A. B. Martin, of Cumberland University, reported a most prosperous year in all departments, there being fifty four students in attendance in the theological department.

The Educational Commission reported that Missouri Valley College at Marshall, Mo., had secured an endowment of \$7.005; that several thousand dollars had been pledged for a new boys' dormitory at Trinity University, Waxahachic, Tex., and that the James Millikin University had received additional bequests amounting to \$5.000, and a subscription of \$1,000 by the citizens of Lincoln.

The board charged with providing for the relief of aged and disabled ministers reported that \$40 congregations contributed for the cause \$7,533, which is less than was received in 1804. The total receipts were \$12,815. During the twenty-five years of the existence of the board 571 persons or heads of families have been entered on the books as beneficiaries.

Elected Moderator.

F. Ira Landrith, of Nashville, Tenn., elected moderator by a large majority

A. N. Eshman, of Mississippi, cante of those opposed to union.

The unionists were, greatly pleased to live a telegram stating that the Preservan Association had declared that

part of the constitution and are now nul

BRINGS SUIT. Ohio Attorney-General After Decoys of Standard Oil Co.

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(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 18.—In conformity with a declared polley of administrating punishment rather than attempting to oust companies that have yiolated the anit-trust laws, Attorney-General Ellis to-day filed in the Franklin ounty courts two suits against compa-ties, which are, he claims, decoy con-perns of the Standard Oll Company, The defendants are the Vacuum Ol

Manhattan Oil Company, of Lima, Ohlo.

The Vacuum Company is charged with failure to obey a law which requires foreign companies to report to the Secretary of State. The Vacuum Company is alleged to owe the State \$120,000. The suit

NEW BISHOPS CHOSEN THURSDAY BY METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE



Ray. Dr. Seth Ward was born in Leon county, Tex., November 1, 1858, the son of Samuel Goode and Sarah Ann Wyche

TO METHODISTS

Conference As Fraternal Dele-

gate From North.

OVATION FROM DELEGATES

Conventional Officers Elected During Day-Adjournment

Monday Possible.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 18 .- Vice

President Charles W. Fairbanks ar-

rived here to-day to attend the genera

conference of the Methodist Episcopai Church, South, as a fraternal, delegate. He was met by the Citizens' Committee at the Union Passenger Station, and driven to the home of Colonel, T. G. Bush, pres-ident of the Alakama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company, whose guest he will

Vice-President Fairbanks entered in

Galloway has said that I

When the Vice-President had concluded,

Braternal Address

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Fairbanks Attends Birmingham Power of Church.

Power of Church.

"We are spending millions upon millions to keep our armies and navies abreast of our national needs. But we find it the quiet influence of the Church a more potent agency for the preservation of international peace than the strongest military and naval forces of the most powerful governments upon this earth. The Church demands that the cruel sacrifice of life the property by war shall come it insists that the methods of adjusting differences between nations shall be an improvement upon the old method of composing disputes between barbarous people."

Mr. Fairbanks closed with a plea for the American University.

The Vice-President spent the day in Birmingham and delivered five speeches. The first was a short talk to the General Conference this morning. At the country club-house he spoke to representatives of the commercial bodies of the city.

At 4 o'clock he gave the formal address to the conference, and following this there was a banquet by the Scottisk Rite Masons at the temple, where the Vice-President spoke briefly.

The party will leave for Atlanta early to-morrow morning.

IMPORTANT WORK BY CONFERENCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RIBMINGHAM, ALA., May 18 .- Imortant legislative action was taken by the General Conference to-day. Though sessions, the transaction of other busi ballto would be taken, and then while

the adjournment of the great body.

Upon recommendation of the committee on missions the conference decided to establish a department of home missions with its own secretary, the purpose of which shall be to organize a system to deal with the social and moral conditions as they are to-day in cities and thickly populated districts. A school for the training of young men for this important work has already been organized in the city of Nashyllie, and candidates for this field will be required to take a course in this school before they can be recommended to the bishop for appointment. When so appointed the four-year time limit will not apply. Another important step taken by the conference was the decision to establish the chair of religious pedagony and Sunday schools in Vanderbilt University for the training in Sunday school work of young men studying for the ministry. For the endowment of this chair a fund of \$50,000 is to be raised from the children's day exercises.

It was decided to bring about a closer relationship between the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the General Board of Missions of the church by making the president and secretary of the Woman's Board ex-officio members of the General Board.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board is to be held before the meeting of the General Board, in order that the former may send to the latter a full draft of its plans, recommendations, appropriations, etc., in order that the General Board may pass upon the same.

New Book Editor. Fraternal Address.

The fraternal address of Vice-President Fairbanks was delivered at night and was the feature of the day's session. The immense auditorium of the First Church was packed to hear the address and hundreds were turned away, unable to gain entrance. Rev. Dr. W. S. Matthews, of Berkeley, Cal., clerical delegate from the Northern Church, also spoke. The Vice-President's fraternal address was as follows:

New Book Editor.

the Review.

Meanwhile the pending question before Meanwhile the pending question belowed the conference was the report of the Committee on Church Extension recommending the erection of a representative church at Washington, D. C., to cost \$275,000, of which the church at large, is to pay \$2,0,000, and Mount Vernon Church, Washington, \$15,000. After considerable debate the report of the committee was according

Berkeley, Cal., clerical delegate from the Northern Church, aiss spoke. The Vice President's fraternal address was as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Brethren,—The Methodist Church in the United States has kept pace with our tremendous mational development. In less than one century and a half more than its million communicants have been carolled in all its branches.

"The Methodiat Church is the sympathetic and powerful friend of the oppressed the world about. It is the fruitful mother of countless schools and charities.

"I cannot refrain from expressing and empalisting the hope which these who have preceded me in this brotherly mission have ventured to express, the two great branches of Methodism in America may be consolidated into one mighty church, not in sentiment, and in purpose alone, but in organization as well. I give utterance to this wish upon my own responsibility, though it is shared by many of my brothren.

"We have the same ecclesiastical policy and sing the praises of the Master from a common hymn book.

Union Coming.

"I do not know how long the folnowers of John Wesley will dwell agart in the United States. I have faith to believe that the barriers which still divide us are growing less formidable with the lapse of time, and that they will ultimately yield and minon will be established between the Methodist Episcopal Church, Soush, thereby creating one of the greatest instruments for good in the onitre Christian world.

"I trust that Methodism may not long be divided upon lines of former political differences—differences which, thank God, are past and gone forever and forever. May we not hope to see the great bistops whom you honor, and whom we honor, and whom we honor, in the North, presiding over conferences in every portion of the republic. May we not hope to see the great bistops whom you honor, and whom we honor, and whom we honor of the republic. May we not hope to see an

ufiled church, freely transferring its ministers between the North and the South, as well as between the West and the East.

"The socialistic tendency in certain quarters has not oscaped the attention of the most casual observer of current events. Its growth cannot be viewed except with concern, for it bodies; he good to our country. The church may well concern itself with all those things which affect the temporal welfare of this great people.

Power of Church

be while here. Vice-President Fairbanks entered in company with Bishop Galloway. Immediately every delegate and visitor arose. Mr. Fairbanks, ascended the rostrum and was surrounded by bishops and others who grasped his hand. Bishop Hoss, introducing Mr. Fairbanks, said that he and the Vice-President had been classmates about forty years ago, but in order that there could be no misunderstanding as to ages, he would all that the Vice-President was the younger man of the two. Mr. Fairbanks, in reply, said: "I assure you it is a very great pleasure for me to be here and to be so kindly introduced by my classmate in the Methodist University. I have not come to make a speech to you this morning, and it would not be kind of me to do so, for the bishop, who came in with

Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander Elected Book Editor-Great Church in Washington.

The general assembly, at its forenoon session to-day elected Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander, prestiling edder of the Louisville, ky., district, book editor and editor of

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again made publishing agents for a term OFFERED STOCK, Action on Revision. Action on Revision.

That the action of the general conference in adopting the resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to meet with similar commissions from other branches of the great Methodist churches caused far graver concern to the so-called conservatives than the case justified, is the conviction of the progressive element. The grand old Methodist ship is in no danger of being driven upon the rocks, they malitain, and are quite confident, that when the clouds of smoke incident to the recent battle concerning the question shall have cleared away, it will be evident that the old bark which has borne many thousands to the other OFFICIALS SAY

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f the elements.

It is really interesting to note the markd similarity in the positions of the two
sections—the conservatives and the pro-

The Difference.

In the first place neither side propose o retreat from any position that the hurch has ever occupied with reference

o not include all that Methodism stands

Will Take Long Time. The proposed action contemplates the appointment of commissions by the Methappointment of Church, the Canadian

CLEVELAND IGE MEN

UNDER INDICTMENT

Well-Known Business Men Are Charged With Increase Price

and Restricting Trade. (By Associated Press.)
CLEVICIAND, OHIO, May 18.—The

The men are charged with creating testriction in the ice husiness, increasing the price of fee and preventing competition in its manufacture, purchase and sale. The indictments followed the mersing of the different lee concerns of the city and an increase in the price of lee this season.

Further Evidence Against Companies in Coal Investigation in Philadelphia.

SOME ACCEPTED THE STOCK will be evident that the old bark whiten has borne many thousands to the other shore will be found to be in safe hands in whose control she will carry many thousands more over the same course, at that is desired is to strengthen the sides of the craft and increase its resisting power so that no matter how great the storms which may arise, it will be in a position to ride the waves and steer straight for the haven, regardless of the elements.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Additional
evidence of stock presentation by coal
companies to railroad officials was add
duced at to-day's session of the Interstate
Commerce Commission.

Commerce Commission.

E. J. Cleave, of Crosson, Pa., supering tendent of the Cambria and Clearfield division of the Pennsylvania Railroud, was the first witness. He was asked it he held stock in any coal companies. He said he had 250 shares in the Cochrant Coal Company, which he received in partial payment for land sold to the company.

"Had you ever been offered stock in any coal companies?" inqured Attorney Ginsgow.

was offered stock, but declined to

Stock Paid Dividends.

statement has done good service for nearly a century and a quarter, and that it should be retained in order that the membership of the church may have freedom of thought.

"I really can't remember."
"You were in a position to favor the coal companies?"
"To a certifin extent, yes."

Accepted Some Stock.

en, some you turned down and oth-

ers you accepted?
"That's correct,"
"Why didn't you turn them all down?"
"I did not think there was an impropriety in accepting the stock I took,"
"Has any other company the same faciltiles as the Berwind-White for dumping." have had a full year on the post general conference of the Methodist Episcopul Church, South, meets.

Dr. Dinsdale T. Young, the fraternal delegate from the British Weslyan conference, doubts whether under the poll deed of John Wesley, the Wesleyan

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All Sheppard testified that the Bery articles of parliament, degree of es who do the revision ted for by

W. A. C.

Mr. Glasgow wanted to know if the revision to think the rental rather low. Mr. Sheppard thought so.

Further questioning elicited the information from the witness that the rail-road company seven cents a ton for unloading at Harsimus and that other companies at South Amboy were allowed five cents a ton for the same work.

Mr. Clement asked the witness if he did not think it highrious to the reputation and standing of a corporation like the Fernsylvania Railroad for its officials to accept gifts of stock in conformation.

Corrected His Testimony.

Frank H. Wiston, president of the Morphishale Coal Company, who yesterday tesrestatement or revision of its articles of faith without a special act of parliament. This statement is affording a degree of satisfaction to the conservatives who do not hesitate to assert that the revision wil never be made, as provided for by the resolution just adopted.

W. A. C.

Corrected His Testimony.

Frank H, Wigton, president of the Morrisdale Coal Company, who yesterday testided that his company had received restates from the Pennsylvania Railroad up to within a few months of the retirement of Freight Traffic Manager Joyce in 1988, to-day corrected his tostimony.

"The last adjustment our company made with W. H. Joyce," he said, "was in 1888, After that time the adjustment was made by rendering monthly bills up to March 21, 1900. Since that time we have paid the net rate as published by the railroad company."

Commissioner Clements asked Mr, Wigton if they rebated them in turn. The witness said the rebates were kept by the company.

TAKE C. & O. Sunday Outings

Old Point, Ocean View,

CLEVISIAND, OHIO, May 18.—The grand Jury to-day returned indictments against President Harry Norvell and thirteen directors of the City Ice Delivery I/mpany, known Sally gas the ice trust, on the charge of violating the Valestine anti-trust iaw.

Resides President Norvell, those indicted: Ayerill L. Hyde, Eawin D. Thomas, Edward C. Baizhiser, John Doelcher, Robort C. Suhr, Jacob H. Blum, John Fetterman, Michael J. Uline, Albert L. Jacobsen, Daniel S. Haller, John S. Connors and James Byrne. These are well known business men and the most of them were the owners of fee companies which were merged into the alleged trusts several years ago.

The men are charged with creating restriction in the ice business, increasing testriction in the ice business, increasing Buckroe and Norfolk, Round \$1.25 Trip EVERY SUNDAY,

debate the report of the committee was adopted.

Dr. George B. Winton, of Nashville, was re-elected editor of the Christian Advocate on the first ballot.

At the afternoon session of the conference Dr. H. M. Dubose was re-elected editor of the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth Pra. Dr. J. B. On Round Trip to Nortolk, \$1.00 converted to the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth Pra. Dr. J. B. On Round Trip to Pine Beach, \$1.00 converted to the Epworth League Board and editor of the Epworth Pra. Dr. J. St. On Round Trip to Pine Beach, \$1.00 converted to the Educational Beard.

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mother has found renewed interest

in home and children by its faithful

use; the little ones too, will glow and

grow under its life giving influence